



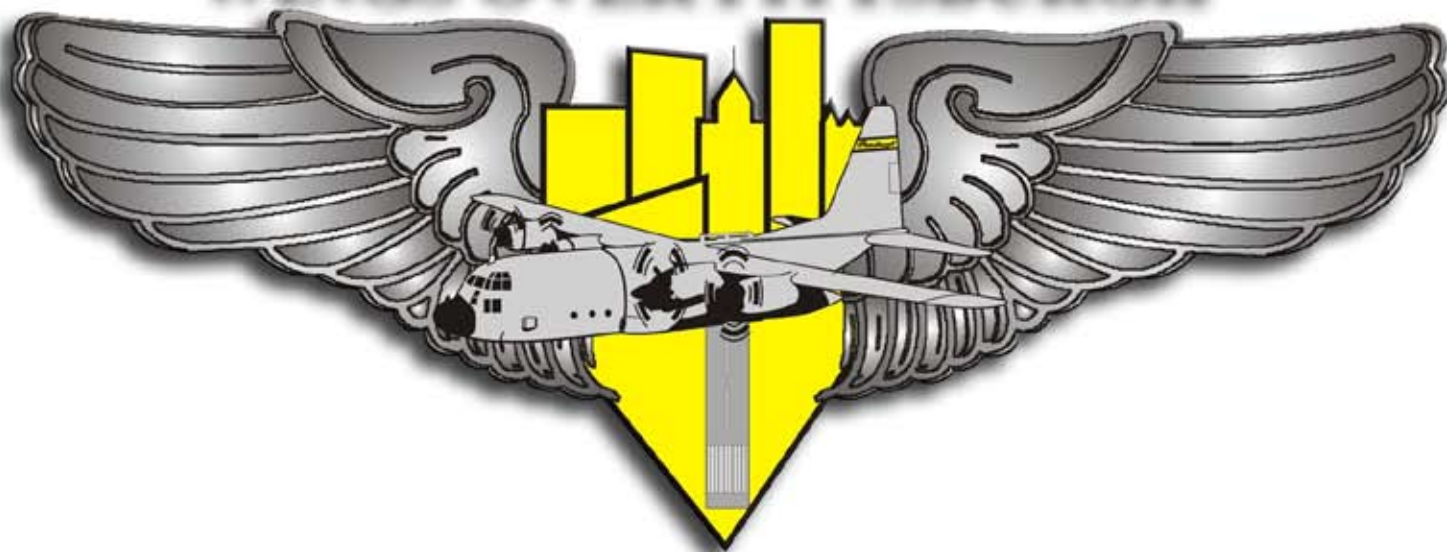
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Preparation has lead to eight years of successful air shows here. Ensure your unit is ready by staying ahead of the planning curve. See page 10 for details.

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July	10 & 11	24 & 25
August	7 & 8	21 & 22
September	11 & 12	25 & 26



Commander's Comment

Commentary by Maj. Gen. James T. Rubeor



*My turn to say thanks,
hear what's on your mind*

Welcome to the July Unit Training Assembly. My name is Jim Rubeor and I am the commander of Twenty-Second Air Force. I will be visiting the mighty 911th Airlift Wing during the drill weekend not only to share the command vision, but also to collect constructive input and views on any topic that is of concern to you.

Before I arrive, I'd like to take a moment to share a few thoughts with you.

As you know from having just completed a four-month Air Expeditionary Force deployment, the Reserve is making significant contributions to overseas contingency operations. The 911th was tasked and responded exactly as advertised providing critical lift capability for the combatant commanders throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. The wing's leadership is deservedly proud of everyone's contributions which helped make your deployment such a success.

It's important that you know you're an critical part of the 22nd Air Force team—a team that works hand-in-glove with Regular Air Force units to meet a wide array of threats around the globe. The Air Force counts on you not only for combat support, but to lend a helping hand to others in their time of need.

In January, Citizen Airmen from the 911th played a vital role in the Air Force's response by helping move people, equipment and supplies to Haiti after its people were decimated by a catastrophic earthquake. This kind of experience and diversity is what Total Force is all about and a large reason why we're the most skilled and proficient military on the planet. But what we accomplish, we accomplish together.

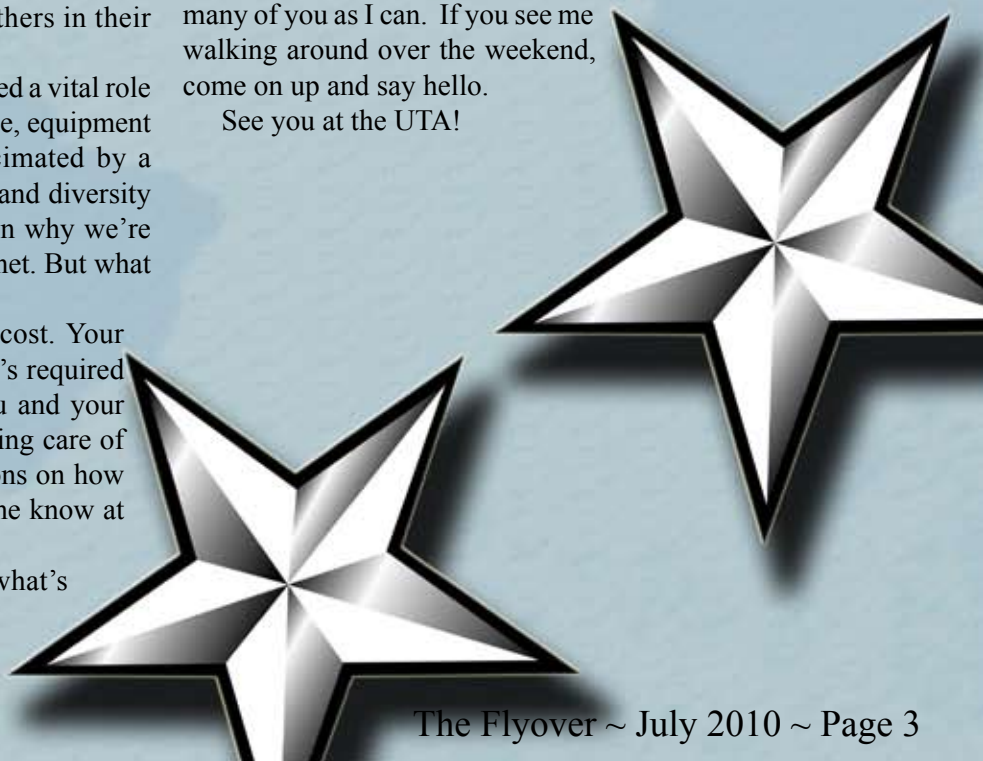
Yet these operations don't come without a cost. Your families underwrite and share in the sacrifice that's required by every 911th member who serves. I want you and your families to know I view the responsibility for taking care of our families very seriously. If you have suggestions on how we could improve in this area, I hope you'll let me know at some point during my visit.

I suspect some of you may want to know what's

on the horizon with 22nd Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command. I expect both challenges and opportunities as we continue building associations at bases across the United States. We'll move forward in our efforts to build the framework for Lt. Gen. Stenner's vision "AFR 2012 Full Operational Capability." You'll learn more about this venture in the days ahead, but in essence it involves re-structuring our forces—primarily at the NAFs and Reserve Command—to increase combat capability and effectiveness. These changes will all transpire in an environment of significant budget constraints. We'll get through it, but organizations will have to be flexible and operate as a force capable of surging without exhausting our people and resources. Despite these challenges, there will also be some growth as the Reserve continues expanding into new missions. The 911th will have plenty of opportunities to be part of that evolution while still demonstrating its tactical airlift and combat support capability.

For now, keep doing what you're doing. All indications are that the 911th is a great wing with a reputation for taking care of business. I'm looking forward to my visit. I'll be concentrating on units and people and will try to get around and visit with as many of you as I can. If you see me walking around over the weekend, come on up and say hello.

See you at the UTA!



Mobile dental service adds to mission success

by Senior Airman Amy Adducchio
178th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“The humanitarian thing is something that I was wired to do,” said Maj. (Dr.) Suzanne Maslo, the dental flight commander for the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station. “You either like to do this, or you don’t like to do this. I think it’s something that you’re either wired that way or not,” she said.

Doctor Maslo is attached to the 178th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, for a two-week training deployment in which the unit provides free medical services to communities June 7 – 17 in Kona, Hawaii. Equipped with two, fully-functional dental chairs, the 34-foot Mobile Dental Van allows her and other dental professionals to give mobile service to those who may not have access or the means to maintain good oral health.

Before moving to the 911 ASTS in October 2009, Doctor Maslo was with the 179th Airlift Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, for eight years.

Maj. (Dr.) Simon Nguyen, a dentist with the 178 MDG who attended officer training school with Doctor Maslo, contacted her in September 2009 and asked if she would go with the unit on its June 2010 deployment.

“I do a lot of this on the civilian side with my church. I’ve been to Africa, China, different places like that on my own,” said Doctor Maslo. Pairing the humanitarian effort with the training deployment was a good fit, she said.

There are numerous training benefits that she has received from this deployment.

“None of us have ever worked on a mobile dental van before, but now we all know how to do it. We work as a team together to be able to set it up, break it down, and by the end of these two weeks we’re going to be pros. It’s too bad we don’t do this at home, but next time, if we come back, we’ll be able to walk right in here, be able to pick up and start it,” said Doctor Maslo.

“The instruments, the materials they have here are not what I use at home so it’s being able to broaden your horizons with that to be able to work with Doctor Nguyen. He and I knew each other, but we never worked together clinically,” she said. “I like to do things differently than he does and were able to share that in an environment like this where we’re able to help people and producing thousands of dollars of dentistry.”



USAF courtesy photo

Maj. (Dr.) Suzanne Maslo, the dental flight commander for the 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, works on a patient June 15 at Ocean View Community Center, Hawaii. Doctor Maslo is attached to the 178th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, for a two-week training deployment in which the unit provides free medical services to communities June 7 – 17 in Kona, Hawaii.

Petra Reinhardt, a worker from West Hawaii Community Health Center who has supported the dental van for the majority of the deployment, commented her effort.

“She does very good work. I’m amazed at her skills, and she works well with everyone. She’s a very kind woman,” said Ms. Reinhardt.

“There’s always too much of a need for us to be able to [serve]. We have to massage the schedule a little bit, try to figure out what we’re going to do...” she said. “There is no downtime. We have never just sat in the van and twiddled our thumbs,” said Doctor Maslo.

“I think the whole program is an awesome thing, in life as well as in their career field. I wish there were more programs like this available.”

**Year of the Air Force
Family**



Help available to aid in handling stress

In-person briefings reduce suicide attempts

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Pryor
Public Affairs

Stress affects everyone differently, whether it's the fear of losing one's job to handling difficult relationship issues. The reactions can range from minor, like irritability or difficulty sleeping, to the extreme of thoughts of taking one's life.

To aid in handling stress, Airmen are required to be briefed yearly on Suicide Prevention either by completing the Advanced Distributed Learning Service course or discussion-based briefings.

Maj. Nicole Santoro, Mental Health officer in charge, said that she decided to use discussion-based briefings for 2010 after finding an increased number of suicide attempts when the program went from in-person briefings to the computer based ADLS system.

In 2008 there were no reported suicide attempts when Mental Health was performing in-person briefings to the wing. The following year the ADLS computer training was used and there were three cases of members who had suicide attempts, in addition to a decrease in Mental Health's face-to-face interaction with the Wing.

"We want to be out there and show that we're accessible," Major Santoro said. "We've put out a lot of promotional materials to get the word out that we are here for the Wing. In addition, this is the only Reserve unit that includes Mental Health as part of the physical exam process to do a brief mental health screening. The result is that we have had more people coming to us for help and being very open with us about their problems. We are

hoping to benchmark the program to AFRC."

The 45-minute briefings discuss signs to look for that indicate a person is depressed, what to do if someone mentions suicide and confidentiality. Take the time to ask someone you feel may be having issues if they are doing alright or if there is anything that they want to talk about. This may open

a door to allow that person to talk freely about his or her problems. She said the individual should be asked two questions if they feel they are upset: "Do you feel like you want to hurt yourself or others?" and "Do you have a plan?"

"Don't leave the person if they confide in you about their intentions," Major Santoro said. "Take them with you to get help. Even if you have good intentions, that person could carry out his or her plan while you are gone."

Col. Gordon H. Elwell Jr., 911th Airlift Wing Commander, said, "If somebody is profoundly stressed, they may release their feelings to you. You are the target of opportunity that they unload to. We need to take it upon ourselves to look after each other.

"If you are stressed, tell somebody. Get it off your chest. Take the opportunity to release that stress."

Major Santoro said that besides Mental Health there are other ways to get help, such as taking them to see a Chaplain, 1st sergeant, supervisor, or Airman and Family Readiness.

Military One Source is a great resource as, in addition to the invaluable resources available online, it allows Airmen to have up to 12 free sessions with a professional in their local area free of charge with complete confidentiality. Military One Source can be reached at www.militaryonesource.com or 1-800-342-9647.



101 Critical Days of Summer: Wing Stand Down focuses on saving lives, preventing injuries

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Pryor
Public Affairs

The Wing took a pause in its mission during the June Unit Training Assembly to focus on the rise in Air Force suicides, reinvigorate the Wingman concept and examine the loss of Airmen's lives due to private motor vehicle mishaps.

Stand Down 2010 was designed to encourage Wingmen to be vigilant to these dangers by devoting time for structured unit discussion on these important topics.

Col. Gordon H. Elwell Jr., 911th Airlift Wing commander, said "The Stand Down is a reflection of senior Air Force officials' concern about the unnecessary loss of Airmen. We lose far too many and it's preventable."

So far this year, 18 Airmen, eight Reservists and Guardsmen and three civilians, of all ranks and specialties, have taken their own lives. On average, 50 Air Force members are killed in motor vehicle accidents annually.

Lt. Col. Bill Gutermuth, chief of

Safety, said, "The Air Force has provided many tools to prevent mishaps. They range from anonymous hazard reporting through 'Close Call' to formal mishap

outside of the gate. With effective Risk Management, the use of personal protective equipment and reducing reckless behavior while driving personal vehicles, we could greatly reduce the loss of life or serious injury."

He said that the Air Force has experience an alarming number of non-combat deaths, with the two primary causes being suicide and motor vehicle accidents.

"A Wingman has many names; brother, friend, neighbor or even someone we just met. The Wingman concept is about taking responsibility to lookout for others and accepting help when you need it. Good Wingman find they benefit from each other's strengths becoming more successful as a team than they can be as individuals," said Colonel Gutermuth.

During the half-day training, base members viewed a Message Home video and took part in guided and small group discussions designed to encourage Airmen to strengthen the Wingman concept and help them make better choices to reduce the number of private vehicle mishaps and suicides.



investigations. Technical Orders and regulations are a culmination of knowledge and experience to keep us safe and effective. On the job we are both safe and productive. Our challenge is to take a 'Safety culture' with us

New LRS Deployment Processing Center opens

by SrA. Tasha Gresco
911th Logistics Readiness Squadron

It's been ten years in the making, pouring over blueprints, utilizing interior and building design software and collaborating with Ohio-based Mann Architects.

The 911th Logistics Readiness Squadron finally has a home for its state-of-the-art Deployment Processing Center. Mobility is an essential function of the squadron and the Air Force.

"We deployed 250 people this past year alone," noted Tom Schob, chief of clothing issue.

Maj. Todd McCrann and Senior Master Sgt. Randy Llewellyn, building designers, began planning the

fundamentals of this project in 1999 and have finally been able to bring their hard work to fruition. September 2, 2009, marked the first day of construction in the back of the Supply warehouse on Alpha Street. After the finishing touches and final building inspection, the key was placed in hand April 9, 2010.

The DPC is equipped with theatre seating, a podium and a whiteboard intended for making outprocessing briefings a little more comfortable for those deploying. Through the doorway of the collapsible wall there exists a larger room for table set up and the mobility line. Several data access ports were placed in the floor below each outprocessing station making the use of laptops painless. The room also has an entire wall comprised of roll out bleachers to accommodate each chalk and an added convenience of restrooms.



Employer's Day 2010

October 02, 2010



Employer information

Name & Title:

Company/Organization Name:

Mailing Address:
(Please include city, state & zip code)

Daytime Phone Number:

Signature:

Date:

Reservist Information

Name & Rank:

Unit/Office Symbol/Duty Phone:

Home Mailing Address:
(Please include city, state & zip code)

Daytime Phone Number:

Signature:

Date:

Deadline for nominations is

August 31, 2010



****See back for submission guidelines and additional information****

Employer's Day Guidelines:

1) You may nominate no more than two legitimate employers in your direct line of supervision. It is possible that both employers will not receive an invitation depending on overall wing participation. Therefore, Reservists who nominate multiple employers will be contacted to decide which nomination would be their primary choice. Please nominate only one person per form and print or write legibly.

2) Though we would like to accomodate all our employers, please do not promise your invitation. Spaces are limited for the program and even more limited for the orientation flight aboard a C-130. There are 60 spots available for the flights and they will filled on a first come, first served basis.

3) Please return this form to the Public Affairs office no later than **Aug. 31, 2010**. Please mail the form in a standard business size envelope to the address below or fax both sides of this form to (412) 474-8104. If you have questions or require additional information please call (412) 474-8511.

Return completed form to:

Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station
c/o Public Affairs Office
Building 316, Suite 227
2475 Defense Ave.
Coraopolis, PA 15108

4) The program is limited to your employer only and due to program limitations spouses or children are not able to participate. Additionally, nominating Reservists are not authorized to participate in the orientation flight or luncheon portion of the program.

5) Your employer should expect to be on base all day. They will see how today's Airmen prepare to deploy, enjoy a flight aboard one of our C-130 aircraft, and visit your workcenter.

Please use the space provided below to describe how your civilian employer supports your service to the 911th Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserve. This is the perfect opportunity to thank your employer for being a part of your military success and for directly supporting today's Air Force Reserve.

**911TH AIRLIFT WING
FAMILY DAY
PICNIC
SUNDAY
JULY 11, 2010**



Planned Events!

Disney Princesses

Quarterback Challenge

Dunk Tank

Teen Area

DJ Nikki

Rock Climbing

Bungee Jumper

Pony Rides

Petting Zoo

Hair Braiding

Face Painting

Corn Hole

Fire Truck Display

C-130 Static

SFS Weapons Display

501st

Key Spouses Group



WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Hamburgers

Kielbasa

Potato

Tossed Salad

Cookies

Hot Dogs

Hot Sausage

Pasta Salad

Fruit Salad

Brownies

Beverages

CIVILIAN ATTIRE AUTHORIZED AT 11 a.m.

**Event Location: Hangars 416, 418 & Pavilion Area
from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

For Access to the Base you must show Military ID or be escorted by ID member.

Event Parking opens from 10 a.m. - Noon

Planning continues as 2010 air show draws near

Show enters its 9th year with USAF Thunderbirds as main act

by Lt. Shawn M. Walleck
Public Affairs

Hosting one of the country's top 10 air shows is no small task, which is why success is tied to all the details both big and small. With a little over two months left until the big show coordinators continue meeting on a monthly basis chipping away at those details ensuring the air show has another successful year.

As the event takes shape one of the biggest deadlines for units is submission of their 'support form.' Services requires that all support forms be returned to them no later than July 13 in order for units to receive numerous operational items, such as: water, golf carts and cell phones/radios. "The process for requesting these items hasn't changed however, we still need an updated form in order to fulfill your request and these forms give us the most accurate picture of what all needs to be ordered" said Ms. Coleen Czachowski, operations director for the 911th Services Squadron.

The Wings Over Pittsburgh website is up and running with the most up-to-date information. "Right now we are averaging over 1,000 hits a week and as we get closer to the show I expect the traffic to increase dramatically. Over the next few weeks we plan on updating all performers and static displays as well as post more detailed directions, parking plans and road closures," said Mr. Jimmy Abel, Wings Over Pittsburgh webmaster.

Meetings between all local agencies and base personnel continue on a monthly basis and will transition to weekly as the planning enters its final days.



"We put a lot of resources into to delivering a first class show, but it's important to note that we don't do it alone," said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr. 911th Airlift Wing commander. "What many people don't see are all the volunteers, local businesses, airport personnel, police and other law enforcement agencies working hard behind the scenes to ensure the event is safe and a complete success," Colonel Elwell concluded.

If interested in volunteering please visit the wingsoverpittsburgh.com website or contact the Services Squadron at (412) 474-7176.

Performers:

- 1) USAF Thunderbirds
- 2) US Army Golden Knights
- 3) Sean Tucker (Team Oracle)
- 4) F/A-18F Super Hornet Demonstration Team
- 5) ACC F15-E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team
- 6) C-130 Demonstration
- 7) C-17 Demonstration
- 8) Tim Weber in the GEICO Extra 300
- 9) Firebirds X-treme
- 10) British Sea Harrier
- 11) Kevin Russo
- 12) Manfred Radius
- 13) Otto the Helicopter

Static Displays:

- 1) C-123K Provider
- 2) F-16 Falcon (2)
- 3) EA-6 Prowler
- 4) E-2 Hawkeye
- 5) F-18
- 6) HU-25 (Falcon Jet)
- 7) American Eurocopter EC-145
- 8) C-5 Galaxy
- 9) T-6 Texan II *
- 10) T-1 Jayhawk *
- 11) T-38 Talon *
- 12) A-10 Thunderbolt II *
- 13) AV-8B Harrier II *
- 14) B-1 Lancer *

Static Displays:

- 15) B-52 Stratofortress *
 - 16) C-2 Greyhound *
 - 17) C-17 Globemaster III *
 - 18) EA-18 Growler *
 - 19) F-5 Tiger *
 - 20) F-15 Eagle *
 - 21) KC-10 Extender *
 - 22) KC-135 Stratotanker *
 - 23) T-34 *
 - 24) TC-12 Huron *
 - 25) T-44 Pegasus *
 - 26) L-39 Albatross *
 - 27) L-4 *
- * Not yet confirmed

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The truth about reporting fraud, waste and abuse

by **Tech. Sgt. Renee Flora**
Inspector General Office

The success of the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) program lies within all Airmen and civilian personnel working with the Air Force to accomplish our current missions.

Many folks fear there will be consequences after reporting co-workers and organizations for deceptive and illegal behavior. The truth is you will never be asked to provide your name when you call the Hotline, nor is your call traceable.

There should never be an attempt on anyone's part to try to identify the caller. Or, if someone is suspected of calling the Hotline or if the caller is found out, there can be no retaliation or retribution. If there is, it is a violation of policy and the Executive Order and we take it seriously in order to protect the integrity and credibility of the Hotline.

Retaliation against anyone for calling the Hotline is also reportable through the reprisal process.

Both military and civilian members are crucial in preventing and eliminating FWA. Any individual aware of FWA or lack of controls that could permit resources to be wasted or diverted must report the situation through appropriate channels.

The following constitute fraud, waste, and abuse:

- Falsifying financial records to conceal the theft of money or property.
- Theft or misuse of money, equipment, supplies and/or other materials.
- Intentionally misrepresenting the costs of goods and services provided.
- Soliciting or accepting a bribe or kickback.
- Falsifying pay information.
- Unnecessary spending of funds to purchase supplies or equipment.
- Failure to reuse or recycle major resources or reduce waste generation.

- Failure to report damage to equipment or property.

- Receiving favor for awarding contacts to certain vendors.

- Creating unneeded overtime.

- Misusing a position for personal gain.

- Travel choices that are contrary to existing travel policies or are unnecessarily extravagant or expensive.

- Making procurement or vendor selections that are inconsistent with existing policies or are unnecessarily extravagant or expensive.

Military personnel and civilian employees should call the FWA Hotline when they first learn of the fraud, waste, or abuse. Keep in mind, the longer it has been from the incident and the time it is reported, the more difficult it becomes to investigate. The Hotline is available for reporting significant instances of fraud, waste, and abuse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays. **DoD Hotline: (800) 424-9098**

Family members can help keep each other safe this summer

by **1st Lt. Kathleen Ferrero**
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

He walked past two Airmen operating a dump truck. Minutes later, one Airman accidentally crushed the other to death with the truck's tail gate.

The ensuing investigation marked the first time in Master Sgt. Kenyon Luthi's safety career that he discovered how important his job is.

"Having been there moments before it happened, and then seeing what these guys meant to each other — they hung out four or five days a week, and both were married and had kids — that was hard," said Sergeant Luthi, an AMC Ground Safety Inspector. "[With the investigation], we had to come up with something of value," he said. "It had to mean something. Not just for the family members, but for people working in the same conditions. Now it's a part of formal training for civil engineer folks."

Making lessons count and applying sound risk management decisions is everyone's responsibility.

That's why the Air Force is celebrating National Safety Month this month by combining it with Year of the Air Force Family and including family members in the effort to prevent accidents during summertime, when mishaps tend to spike.

"The Air Force needs our help to keep our Airmen safe," said

the wife of a staff sergeant during an Air Force Safety Center video. "We as family members should influence our Airmen's behavior where the risk is greatest: when they are off duty."

By combining National Safety Month with Year of the Air Force Family, officials are hoping to drive safety lessons home through involving key spouse groups and using other initiatives.

"We're asking family members to be involved with active duty members' awareness of safety — traffic, seat belts, drinking and driving, all issues killing our Airmen," said Mark Erpelding, the AMC Ground Safety Division Chief. "If they're involved, they may be able to interject and stop that from happening."

He said focusing on three things can help prevent accidents this summer: drive safely; drink responsibly; and plan intelligently.

Private motor vehicle accidents are the number one killer of Airmen, Sergeant Luthi said.

"With driving, it's about control," he said. "Drive at a reasonable amount of speed, so you'll be able to react better to a dangerous situation."

With mishaps involving alcohol, the people involved are "almost always hurt or killed because there was no plan involved," Sergeant Luthi said.

"They have a good idea of what they're going to do when they go out. They just don't plan to get themselves out of a bad situation," he said.

Have fun this summer; just eliminate unnecessary risk.

Precision Lightning System detects lightning strikes, warns flight line personnel to take precautionary safety measures

by Staff Sgt. Danny Irwin
Public Affairs

Although we look forward to summer and nice weather, it can produce severe storms that can threaten people who are outdoors.

The Pittsburgh International Airport Precision Lightning System detects severe weather in the area so people who work on the flightline can be alerted and take appropriate action to ensure their safety.

The lightning detection system, which detects Electric Field Mill or lightning strikes, sends out an alert once the activity occurs within 17 miles.

“The county runs the system and they contact the wing using the Flex Alert,” said Tim Moore, airfield management manager.

The beacon is located next to the flightline and Building 418.

“During times of a Red alert, no personnel are allowed on the ramp. All other base personnel should stay indoors,” said Mr. Moore.

The following is the chart of the different alarm conditions and what they mean:

Green:

- EFM readings do not exceed alarm thresholds
- no lightning strikes within 17 miles
- no activity is indicated that will affect local operations

Green/yellow:

- one EFM has reached alarm threshold
- lightning strike within 17 miles
- conditions favor either active or developing thunderstorms or storm nearby

Yellow:

- two EFMs have reached alarm threshold
- lightning strike within 17 miles and one EFM has attained threshold

OR

- lightning strike within eight miles
- activity is close to the field and will influence or may already have affected airport operations

Yellow/red:

- two EFMs have reached alarm threshold and lightning strike has occurred within 17 miles of field

OR

- lightning strike within eight miles and one EFM has



Photo by Staff Sgt. Danny Irwin

The 911th Airlift Wing weather warning beacon lets flightline personnel know when severe storms are approaching. The precision lightning system detects Electric Field Mill or lightning strikes and sends out an alert when the strikes occur within 17-miles. The PLS provides flightline personnel time to take appropriate action.

reached alarm threshold

- red beacon can be anticipated within 10 minutes

Red:

- lightning strike has occurred within five miles of the field

OR

- lightning strike has occurred within eight miles of the field and two EFMs have reached alarm threshold

- storm has direct impact on operations

- normally, an interruption of ramp activity can be anticipated

Promotions

New Recruits

James D. Baker, 32 APS
Jesus A. Reyes, 911 ASTS
Amanda L. Young, 911 MOF
Travis W. Irle, 911 MXS
Matthew R. Worry, 32 APS
Anthony J. Laporta, 911 MXS
Tyler S. Coulverson, 911 ASTS
Robert A. Einodshofer, 911 SFS
Joshua L. Robinson, 911 ASTS
Ashley A. Marin, 911 MXS

To Airman

Ashley Katus, 758 AS
Kenneth Leffler, 911 AMXS

To Senior Airman

Kimberly Robinson, 911 OSF
Dana Shaner, 32 APS
Megan Nguyen, 911 AES

To Airman 1st Class

Brittany Zalin, 911 ASTS

To Master Sergeant

Janine Potter, 911 AW

Local Reserve recruiter's inevitable journey

by Ms. Tamara Cario
911th Recruiting Services

When she began her Air Force career in Information Management, Master Sgt. Dawn Serakowski was in her element. "I loved my AFSC [Air Force Specialty Code] because it was customer service oriented and I had the opportunity to work with a lot of great people," she said.

With a stepfather who was a loadmaster at the 911th Airlift Wing, a stepsister who was an Air Traffic Controller at Lakenheath Air Base, England, and assorted uncles who were also in the Air Force, it was almost inevitable that Sergeant Serakowski would join the military.

"It was something that I had always considered from a young age. I tried college first, but this was the best route for me."

After being Active Duty Air Force for six years, she wanted to be closer to her family in Pittsburgh so she went Palace Chase and joined the 911th Airlift Wing family.

"I got to work in the Operations Group. It was one of the best



Photo by A1C Melissa Knox

Master Sgt. Dawn Serakowski, Air Force Reserve recruiter for the 911th Airlift Wing, and Pittsburgh native reflects on family, military career, and what it takes to be a Reservist.

moves I ever made," said Sergeant Serakowski.

Switching over to recruiter was the next natural step for her.

"I wanted to make an impact. I wanted to help people who had the desire to join the AF Reserve and feel good about doing it. To this day, I can honestly say it is one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever had."

Flexibility, says Sergeant. Serakowski, is the best thing about being a Reservist because it is what the Air Force Reserve is all about.

"You have the opportunity to be a member of the world's greatest Air and Space power while maintaining a secure and stable life for yourself close to home. We are a network of individuals who understand you are not only mastering a skill within the AF Reserve, but you have a whole set of other obligations the rest of the month and without flexibility we would not be able to do what we do every day."

Recruiters

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News Briefs

Operation: Military Kids

There are five full, two week camp scholarships for Pennsylvania military children, including those of fallen warriors, through Camp Speers-Eljibar in Pike County.

Information on the camp is as follows:

Full two week slots. Campers start at 3rd grade (meaning that they will be in 3rd grade in the fall but are in 2nd grade now) and go up through those teens who are in 10th grade now and 11th grade in the fall. They also serve children/teens with developmental disabilities (such as Downs Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorders) up to age 20 through ACCES (All Children Can Experience Speers-Eljabar) program. Partners with Heroes

Beyond the scholarships above, active military families (including those of fallen heroes) automatically receive a 25% scholarship on summer camp and family camp programs. Info on website.

Information on camp can be found at the following website: <http://www.campspeersymca.org/> <<https://legacy.ag.psu.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.campspeersymca.org/>>

Free Museum Admission

This summer, more than 600 museums in all 50 states are offering free admission to military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day to show their appreciation for those who are serving this nation.

Here's some basic information, but please check the FAQs for further details: <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/faq.html>

Active duty, Reservists and National Guard military members and up to five immediate family members can gain

free access by showing either a Geneva Conventions CAC ID or a DD Form 1173 ID card at the museum admissions desk.

Immediate family members under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an appropriate ID holder. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program, so check with the museum directly.

For more information please visit: <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php?st=PA#list>

Below are some local museums that are participating in the event:

Carnegie Museum of Art
Carnegie Museum of Natural History
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh
Frick Art and Historical Center
The Andy Warhol Museum
Manderino Gallery

Google Doodle

Computer users should be careful when conducting Google searches that they don't click on a "Google Doodle." Google Doodle is when the traditional Google logo has been modified to reflect a special theme, design or artwork.

Clicking on the Google icon (Doodle) initiates a Google search for the pictured subject's associated words or people. Hackers create malicious sites that show up in "Google Doodle" search results. These malicious sites can install spyware to steal your personal files & information.

To protect yourself, ensure your computer is up to date with current antivirus and don't click on sites you don't recognize or trust.

All government employees are entitled to free antivirus software for home use. Go to https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/antivirus_homeuse.htm

"Military only" golf day

Treesdale Golf Club in Gibsonia, Penn., invites military members in the community to a "military only" day of golf on July 6. This year's event costs \$75, but will be full of great individual skill events as well as a posh food spread. For more information, please contact Dawn McWilliams at (724) 625-2220.

Treesdale is a private membership club, which offers its members the complete country club lifestyle and the finest in all amenities, beginning with the 27-hole Championship Golf Course designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer.

Yellow Ribbon ReIntegration

Deploying soon? Just returned from a deployment? Family member of a deployed Airman? Contact MSgt Anthony Cunningham, (412) 398-3670, about Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Events.

Scheduled Events: July 23, 24 & 25 at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center, Erie, Pa.


August 27, 28 & 29 at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.

Pay Dates

Primary July 21	
Secondary August 4	



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